

Humanity is on the
verge of extinction.



The remaining human beings are
surrounded by zombies.

The number of these zombies is tens,
hundreds, even thousands of millions
times larger than that of humankind
at its golden age.

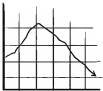


Well, by "zombies",
I meant "zombie followers".

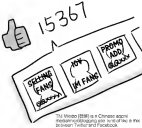


These zombie followers (僵尸粉) are fake accounts that exist solely to artificially inflate the number of fans or likes on a page. They're usually recognizable since by the way formatting of their account names.

In 201X, Weibo's user base has already decreased gradually since its heyday.



In order to maintain the false image of prosperity, Weibo developed zombie followers that can automatically like, comment, and share.



TM Weibo (微博) is a Chinese social media networking app. Just as there is a link between Twitter and Facebook.

Additionally, they can automatically steal pictures and texts from the Internet, claim content as their own, then use "XX Time Machine" to post them periodically on marketing accounts.



TM Time Machines (时+机) are apps that allow you to queue posts on Weibo. Among other things.

Many years have passed since then.

Weibo is still so lively, there are still trending topics and posts every day. Everything is fine, nothing has changed.



Right now, anything I post can get a few thousand likes.



But in reality, an incurable plague had suddenly spread among the population. Right now, humans have all but died out.



The people who look at my Weibo, the real ones, are almost nonexistent.



You just posted

I can't go on for much longer either.
Goodbye.

From: Weibo Mobile Client

Comment 0

Shares 0

Likes 0

FLASH!!

I can't go on for much longer either.
Goodbye.

From: Weibo Mobile Client

Comment 3563 Shares 16522 Likes 4580

Ah...

In the end, I'm still a human.
A being that feels pride when
being praised and happiness
when receiving attention...



In the bitter end,
having the company of these
incomprehensible things in my
final moments isn't so bad...



No matter what, thank you, my
zombie followers who "Liked" me...



Yellow died.



Yellow who was always full of energy,
who could always make me laugh,
who was so cheerful and strong,
who seemed untouchable by the plague,
now also...





Yellow... will never be online again.



Just looking at this makes me sad.
Maybe I should delete him...



No... I can't!



Even though I personally
buried Yellow, I still feel that...
as long as I don't delete him...



Maybe Yellow will still
sign on and say hello
to me as usual...





You received a message
from [Yellow]

[Click to view](#)



Yellow...





Yellow

Online

Yellow:

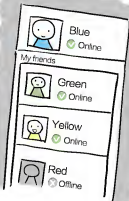
CLICK HERE TO GET 10K
10K=1000 REAL FOLLOWS
GUARANTEED



... oh well...



At least, seeing your icon light up again is enough for me...





Green, I have to tell you something. Yellow is dead.

Err? Even Yellow is... Okay...



Green, we might be the last two humans remaining on Earth.



Right now I'm not feeling very well, maybe soon I'll also...

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Anyway, no matter what, you have to keep on living!

Blue, there's something I've been keeping from you.



I'm not actually a human.



I too am a zombie follower
developed by Weibo.



..... ? !



You're lying!

I'm not lying to you. This
is an intelligent chatbot
talking to you.



... Impossible...
Since when...

From the start,
really.



Only, this was a secret back then. But now that you're the only person remaining on Earth, the program decided that revealing it won't cause panic.



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Really... so the last one standing is me.



But, in the very end, having your company isn't so bad. No matter if you're a program or not, you're still talking to me, right?

Yeah, I'm still Green.





Green, after I die, Weibo's system will continue to run like usual, right?

Yes, until the self-sustaining power stations' parts wear out and stop working, the servers will keep on operating.



Is that so. What a shame that I won't be able to see tomorrow's new posts.



Green, without me, without anyone else, will you feel lonely?

I won't, I'm but a zombie follower after all.



That's good.



Green, remember to leave a like on tomorrow's trending posts for me.

I will.



Thank you.

It's nothing.



—Freddie's conversations—

Blue?



Are you
here?



... Oh...



AD 2XXX, the last human
on Earth passed away.



130 years later, the last man-made self-sustaining power station stopped functioning due to the decay of its components.



Unbeknownst to anyone, moments before Internet servers shut down for good, the last message on Weibo is:



Goodbye, this world that I "Liked"...

Cmnt 0

Share 0

Like 0



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Thank you for reading!